



HIGHLIGHTS

Refugees begin to enjoy free quality WiFi Services, interactive distance-learning programmes as well as other digital innovations in camps

1,783 refugees to benefit from Cash transfers under the Based Interventions (CBI) module

\$11,500 raised from Private Donor to support UNHCR operations in Somalia and Ghana

Charge d’Affaires of Peru Embassy visits Egyekrom Camp with Brazilian Photographer to support fund raising efforts

Population of concern

A total of **13,375** people of concern

By country of origin

Country	Total PoC
Côte d’Ivoire	6,984
Togo	3,395
Others	2,996
Total	13,375

Funding

USD 8,878,867 requested

0% funded

UNHCR Presence

Staffing:

32 national staff; 04 UNOPS
02 international staff; 01 IUNV

Offices:

01 Country Office in Accra, 01 Field Offices in Takoradi and 01 Field Unit in Sunyani

WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR works with the Government of Ghana through the Ministry of the Interior, the Ghana Refugee Board (GRB), the Ghana Immigration Services (GIS), and other relevant government departments and ministries in ensuring asylum seekers and refugees have full access to international protection and basic services. UNHCR cooperates with other State agencies such as the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection, Legal Aid Services, Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice, the Births and Deaths Registry in the provision of services to refugees and asylum-seekers. UNHCR Ghana works with partners including the Christian Council of Ghana (CCG), the National Catholic Secretariat (NCS), and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). Operational support is provided by UNFPA, IOM and UNAIDS.



MAIN ACTIVITIES

Protection & Solutions

- Voluntary Repatriation to Cote d'Ivoire:** One individual voluntarily repatriated to Cote d'Ivoire on 29 April 2017 with the assistance of UNHCR. This brings to 248 the total number of Ivorian Refugees to have returned from Ghana to Cote d'Ivoire since Voluntary Repatriation commenced in 2011. While the overall numbers are low, the Country Office continues the dialogue with Ivorian Refugees on their intentions for solutions with particular emphasis on Voluntary Repatriation.

Programme

- Refugees in Ghana to benefit from Cash transfers by mobile money:** 1,783 vulnerable/extremely poor refugee households identified through a socio-economic survey are to benefit from cash transfers via mobile money beginning in the 3rd quarter of 2017. These multipurpose cash grants are meant for basic needs and livelihoods provisioning, however progressively, all other forms of assistance will be transferred to refugees via this modality. These will include subsistence and transport allowances for health cases on referral, allowances for students on DAFI scholarship, and in 2018 cash for sanitary towels for eligible females. It is envisaged that successful implementation of this intervention will set the stage for the integration of vulnerable PoCs into the national social protection programmes.

Education

- Varkey Foundation (VF) launches "Teach-to-Reach Classroom" (TRC) Project in Ampain:** VF and UNHCR in collaboration with the Ghana Education Services organized a 3-day training to launch an interactive distance learning programme for children in Ampain Community DA Primary School. This project aimed at improving the attractiveness, relevance and quality of teaching and learning in the camp school will stream Math and English lessons to pupils live from the VF studio in Accra.
- UNHCR introduces Worldreader Project in Krisan and Egyeikrom Refugee Camps:** UNHCR and Worldreader, a non-profit organisation has entered into an agreement to introduce the Worldreader E-Reading project in Krisan and Egyeikrom camp schools. By using electronic books (e-books) Worldreader seeks to help children to learn how to read, improve their school performances and develop lifelong reading habits. Teachers from Krisan and Egyeikrom Camps have been trained as Worldreader Project Managers to enable them implement the e-reading project in their schools to improve upon the reading and communication skills of school children.

Donor Relations and Resource Mobilization

- Charge d'Affaires Peru Embassy and Brazilian Photographer visit Egyeikrom Camp:** The visit on 14 March was a direct outcome of a presentation made by UNHCR to member countries of the Pacific Alliance embassies in Ghana. The aim of the visit was to see first-hand the situation of refugees in Ghana, and to collect photos to be used for a fund raising event in support of UNHCR Ghana and refugees.
- Mission of Project Development Officer, PSFR Kenya:** The visit on 15 – 17 March, 2017 was aimed at providing support to the Ghana resource mobilization efforts, and to introduce a UNHCR Africa-wide fundraising campaign about to be launched by mid-year. During the visit, she participated in meetings with some potential donors.
- Intelsat funded free WiFi Project commences in Ampain Camp:** Jointly developed by UNHCR and Intelsat, this project which commenced on 5 April 2017 provides refugees and host communities living in and around Ampain Camp with free quality internet services through a simple, solar-powered "Smart WiFi Kiosk" equipped with a satellite link. The objective of the project is to create an "ecosystem of empowerment" where refugees will have access to learning and working opportunities, and are better connected with the real world through the internet.
- \$11,500 raised from Private Donor to support UNHCR Operations:** During the period under review, the operation successfully raised a total of \$11,500 to support UNHCR operations. \$10,000 of the amount was meant for the Somalia situation and \$1,500 to support the Ghana operation.

Identified needs and remaining gaps

- Limited support for socio-economically poor refugee households, including those in Ivorian camps affected by the cessation of food rations since Sept-2015, for ensuring access to social safety nets and meeting certain basic needs.
- Challenges to secure sustainable livelihoods due to lack of employment, business opportunities, start-up capital, and difficulties for PoC to access markets and financial services at a level similar to nationals.
- Low quality of shelter in the Ivorian camps (over 50% of refugees still reside in emergency plastic sheet tents since 2011).

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